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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: NARCOTICS: PAKISTAN CONTROL PROGRAM

REF: GENEVA 1351

1. SUMMARY. DESPITE ORAKZAI'S STATEMENT (REFTEL) GOP IS NOT COMMITTED TO ANY TIMETABLE FOR ELIMINATING PRODUCTION IN SETTLED AREAS AND BRINGING MERGED AND TRIBAL PRODUCTION UNDER CONTROL.PNCB SAYS SURVEY IN SWABI/GADOON AREA IS IN PROGRESS, BUT IS NOT REQUESTING US ASSISTANCE IN FUNDING IT AT PRESENT. MISSION SUPPORTS RECOMMENDATION FOR MAXIMUM EFFORTS TO ACCELERATE DELIVERY OF ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT. CURRENT VISIT OF UN TEAM SHOULD ASSIST EMBASSY IN ASSESSING PAK INTENTIONS AND FORMULATING POLICY OBJECTIVES. END SUMMARY.

2. DCM AND ECONOFF MET WITH PNCB CHAIRMAN ORAKZAI MARCH 5 FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM GENEVA. ORAKZAI CLAIMED THAT WITH REFERENCE TO PHASES OUTLINED PARA 3 REFTEL HE WAS TALKING ABOUT TIMETABLE HE HAD ORIGINALLY PROPOSED IN PLANNING DOCUMENTS FORWARDED TO DEPT. IN MID-1973. (A CHECK WITH OUR RECORDS REVEALS FORMULATION REFTEL DIFFERS
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FROM EARLIER PROPOSAL IN THAT IT INCLUDES BRINGING "UNDER

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CONTROL" PRODUCTION IN MERGED AND TRIBAL AREAS BY 1975/6.
WE HAVE NEVER PREVIOUSLY SEEN GOP APPLY ANY SPECIFIC
DATES TO CONTROLLING PRODUCTION IN MERGED AND TRIBAL AREAS.)
ORAKZAI STILL CLAIMS TO BELIEVE THAT THIS TIMETABLE FOR
SETTLED AREAS IS POSSIBLE, PROVIDED SUFFICIENT US ASSIS-
TANCE IS AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, HE DENIED THAT THREE YEAR
PHASE-OUT REPRESENTS ANY "COMMITMENT" ON PART OF GOP. IT
SEEMINGLY REPRESENTS HIS PERSONAL VIEW. IN CONTRAST,
PLANNING SECRETARY JAFFERY AND FINANCE SEC-GEN KAZI HAVE
DECLINED TO ENDORSE ANY TIMETABLE, INSISTING THAT TIMING
OF ELIMINATION OF SETTLED AREA POPPY WILL DEPEND ON DEVELOP-
MENT OF PLANS TO OFFSET ECONOMIC HARDSHIP AND ON ESTENT OF
US ASSISTANCE.

3. AS REPORTED ISLAMABAD 11203 (12/29/73) ORAKZAI AND
NWFP OFFICIALS PROPOSED BAN-RELATED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
FOR SETTLED AREAS BE MOUNTED IN GADOON/SWABI AREA ALONE,
ON PREMISE THAT PRODUCTION IN REST OF SETTLED DISTRICTS
WAS NOT LARGE ENOUGH TO WARRANT SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT
EFFORTS. JAFFERY TOLD US FEBRUARY 5 THAT NWFP OFFICIALS
FROM VARIOUS "NATION-BUILDING" DEPARTMENTS WHICH HAD BEEN
CARRYING OUT SURVEY OF BUNEER AREA OF SWAT IN PREPARA-
TION FOR UN TEAM ARRIVAL WOULD SHIFT THEIR WORK TO SWABI/
GADOON IN FEBRUARY TO COMPLETE SURVEY AND PLANS FOR THAT
AREA, AS BASIS FOR REQUEST TO USG FOR DEVELOPMENT ASSIS-
TANCE. GOP HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY ASKED US FOR HELP IN FUNDING
THIS SURVEY AND WHEN WE RAISED QUESTION MARCH 5, ORAKZAI
DID NOT MAKE SUCH A REQUEST. PRODUCTION DIRECTOR WADUD
CLAIMS THAT SURVEY NOW GOING ON IN THIS AREA, BUT WE ARE
UNABLE TOCONFIRM THIS.

4. REINFORCING REMARKS MADE TO USDEL ORAKZAI TOLD US THAT
NEW DRAFT NARCOTICS LAW HAD EMERGED FROM MINISTRY OF
LAW AND HAD BEEN SUBMITTED TO PNCB FOR COMMENT. HE STATED
THAT THIS LAW COVERING BOTH PRODUCTION CONTROL AND TRAFFICKING
WOULD INVEST PNCB OFFICERS WITH POWERS OF ARREST AND SEIZURE.
HE SAID THAT LAW SECRETARY HAD EXPRESSED HOPE LAW COULD BE
SUBMITTED TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AT END OF MARCH.

5. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT RECOMMENDATION THAT USG MAKE MAXIMUM
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EFFORT TO ACCELERATE DELIVERY OF EQUIPMENT UNDER ENFORCE-
MENT ASSISTANCE PROJECT. IN VIEW OF APPARENT PROGRESS
IN PROVIDING PNCB WITH POLICE POWERS, WE AGREE WE SHOULD
PROCEED ON ASSUMPTION THAT ORAKZAI WILL BE ABLE TO USE
HIS EQUIPMENT AS SOON AS IT ARRIVES.

6. WE ANTICIPATE MORE LIGHT MAY BE SHED ON GOP INTENTIONS
DURING COURSE OF UN TEAM'S CURRENT VISIT WHICH MAY ASSIST

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US IN MAKING FURTHER POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS.
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